



Military Dads-to-be, Did you know ...

...In California, UNMARRIED parents must establish paternity before including dad's name on the child's birth certificate.

Paternity can be established by court order OR voluntarily by signing a Declaration of Paternity (CS909 form) in front of a qualified witness or notary public when the baby is born.

...By establishing paternity, a child gets the legal rights and privileges of a child born within a marriage.

Those rights and privileges may include: medical and life insurance coverage, social security and veteran's benefits, legal documentation of who his or her parents are, access to family medical records, inheritance protections, and the emotional benefits of knowing who both parents are.

...Military dads-to-be can sign a Declaration of Paternity BEFORE the baby is born.

A military dad with orders that will not allow him to be present at the time of his child's birth can sign a Declaration of Paternity (CS909 form) prior to deployment. His signature must be witnessed by a qualified witness or notary public and a copy of his orders must be attached to the CS909. The 2 documents must then be held by the mother. After birth, the mother and baby's information can be completed with the mother's signature also being witnessed or notarized.



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